



Mr. Stuart P. Rosenthal, *Chair*  
Ms. Sharonlee J. Vogel, *Vice-Chair*

Honorable Barbara Frush  
Ms. Muriel Cole  
Mr. Maurice B. DiPoli, Jr.  
Honorable Jordan L. Harding  
Ms. Maria V. Jimenez  
Ms. Louise E. Lynch  
Ms. Paula Martin  
Mr. Michael C.A. McPherson  
Mr. Chandhok Jasdip Singh

## Maryland Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2013

### Members Present

Stuart Rosenthal, Chair  
Sharonlee Vogel, Vice-Chair  
Maurice B. DiPoli, Jr.  
Honorable Jordan L. Harding  
Maria Jimenez  
Louise Lynch  
Muriel Cole  
Paula Martin

### Staff

Ilene Rosenthal, Deputy Secretary  
Geraldine Talley  
Donna DeLeno Neuworth  
Rosanne Hanratty - ReServe

### Members Not Present (excused)

Michael C. A. McPherson  
Chandhok Jasdip Singh

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### Chair's Report

- ✚ The Montgomery County Commission on Aging wrote a letter to the Governor requesting set-aside sequester funding to go towards home-delivered meals because the Area Agency on Aging is having difficulty replacing the lost funding due to the sequester.
- ✚ Geraldine Talley will be retiring from the Department and she was thanked for her years of service and wished well. Ilene Rosenthal will also be leaving the Department after many years of service, and she was thanked for her work with the Commission and the Department. The chair said the Maryland Commission on Aging has benefited so much from Dep. Secretary

Rosenthal's and Secretary Lawlah's leadership and thanked her for her contributions. Ms. Rosenthal will be going to work for the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, so she will remain in the aging network.

- ✚ Senate Bill 346, Innovations in Aging Grants, passed into law last session. It calls on the Commission to assist the Secretary in developing an annual plan for an Innovations in Aging Program, setting out priorities for funding grants for innovative senior services and for training personnel who provide services to Maryland seniors. Should such grants be funded by the legislature, we will also be involved in evaluating grant applications and any funded programs. We should therefore start thinking soon about this responsibility and begin work on it with the Secretary in the coming months.
- ✚ Future minutes of our meetings will be more concise and capture the essence and outcome of discussions and report on action items.

### **Planning for Commissions' Summit Subcommittee**

- ✚ Maurice DiPolì shared a budget for food and room rental for a space to hold the Summit/meeting of all the local Commissions on Aging. Maria Jimenez, Paula Martin and Sharonlee Vogel all shared their information on space in Annapolis that would be suitable places for hosting the Summit.

### **Maryland Department of Aging Report**

- ✚ Deputy Secretary Ilene Rosenthal thanked the Commission members for all their hard work and agreed with the Chair that the Commission has been re-energized. Deputy Secretary also discussed the negative impact of the sequestration upon the Area Agencies of Aging (AAA)—roughly a 5% cut across the board is what the AAA have planned for, but more information will be forthcoming. The funding formula information was also shared with the Commissioners. The formula is dependent on the census, and Baltimore City lost \$1 million because of the low census, yet the city has the greatest need for services for low-income seniors. The funding formulas always have “winners and losers,” and it is a difficult process for some AAA's. Deputy Secretary announced the Innovations in Aging Expo has been delayed for a year, and the planning is now beginning for an Expo in 2015.
- ✚ Donna DeLeno Neuworth and Rosanne Hanratty gave an overview of what the Commission's webpage might look like, and Commission members requested that various documents be posted.
- ✚ Regarding the Commission's Statewide Summit of local commissions on aging, scheduled for September 12, logistics and details involving the food, invitation, presenters and such were discussed. Donna will follow through on several of the items discussed, as will the Summit Subcommittee, chaired by Sharonlee Vogel.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

The next Maryland Commission on Aging meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at the Maryland Department of Aging offices on 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore.